

REMARKS

Summary of Claim Status

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-20, and 22-36 are pending in the application and that claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-20, and 22-36 are rejected for the reasons discussed below.

Applicant respectfully requests the favorable reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the pending rejections, in light of the following remarks.

Examiner Interview

Applicant acknowledges with sincere appreciation the courtesy of a telephone interview extended to Applicant's attorney, Justin Liu. Based on the voicemail message received from the Examiner on July 3, 2008, it was agreed that Applicant would resubmit remarks and reasons to remove the Lesea reference, cited below, and that the Examiner would reconsider such remarks.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-20, and 22-36 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lesea, U.S. Patent 7,218,670 ("Lesea") in view of Wallace, U.S. Patent 5,633,816 ("Wallace"). Applicant respectfully disagrees for the reasons set forth in the previous response mailed on March 12, 2008, which remarks are hereby incorporated by reference but not duplicated in the interest of brevity.

In particular, the rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12, 20, and 22-36 is believed to be moot, based on the previously filed Statement of Common Ownership included in the prior response by Applicant mailed March 12, 2008. Lesea issued after the filing date of the present application, and as set forth in the Statement of Common Ownership, Lesea and the present application were owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Xilinx, Inc., the assignee of the present application..

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Lesea may not be used to preclude patentability pursuant to 35 USC § 103(c), and the rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12-20, and 22-36 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12, 20, and 22-36 are patentable, and allowance of Claims 1-2, 4-10, 12, 20, and 22-36 is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. The Applicant's attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-4641 (Pacific Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted,

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